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In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2007, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.